

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joachim von Willich

Art Unit: to be assigned

Serial No.: to be assigned

Examiner: to be assigned

Filing Date: to be assigned

Atty. Docket: 2001P80114WOUS

For: Method of manufacturing a throttle valve connection piece and a housing therefor

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
U.S Patent and Trademark Office  
2011 South Clark Place  
Customer Window, Mail Stop Application Number  
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03  
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

Listed on accompanying form PTO/SB/08A are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that an exhaustive search has been made, or that there does not exist information more material to the examination of the present patent application. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith. It is further understood that the Examiner will review art of record in all 35 U.S.C. §120 priority documents.

- This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the U.S. filing date OR before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits. No certification or fee is required.

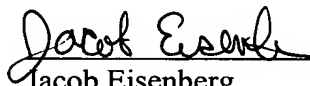
- The document(s) was/were cited in a corresponding foreign application, international search report, and/or within the US filed application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed form and to indicate in the official file of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

It is Applicants understanding that no fee is due for this request. However, in the event that the Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No.: 502464** referencing docket no.: 2001P80114WOUS. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 02-16-2004  
Siemens Schweiz  
Intellectual Property  
IP, I-44  
Albisriederstrasse 245  
CH-8047 Zürich, Switzerland  
Tel: +41 (0) 585 583 295  
Fax: +41 (0) 585 583 228

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Eisenberg  
Attorney for Applicant  
Registration No. 43,410  
Customer No.: 28204

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Application Number	to be assigned
Filing Date	to be assigned
First Named Inventor	Joachim von Willich
Art Unit	to be assigned
Examiner Name	to be assigned
Attorney Docket Number	2001P80114WOUS

Sheet	1	of	3
-------	---	----	---

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
		WO97/04259	02/06/1997	Filterwerk Mann		
		WO96/35866	11/14/1996	Filterwerk Mann		
		DE4429956A1	02/29/1996	Dell'Orto S.p.A.		
		DE19728564A1	01/28/1999	Mannesmann		
		DE4334180A1	04/13/1995	R. Bosch GmbH		
		DE69300671T2	03/21/1996	Magneti Marelli		

**Examiner  
Signature**

Date Considered

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

*(Use as many sheets as necessary)*

**Complete if Known**

Application Number	to be assigned
Filing Date	to be assigned
First Named Inventor	Joachim von Willich
Art Unit	to be assigned
Examiner Name	to be assigned
Attorney Docket Number	2001P80114WOUS

Sheet	2	of	3
-------	---	----	---

## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	1 <sup>6</sup>
		Country Code <sup>3</sup> -Number <sup>4</sup> -Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
		DE19615438A1	01/23/1997	Filterwerk Mann		
		DE4135806A1	05/07/1992	Weber S.r.l.		
		DE69604084T2	04/13/2000	Magneti Marelli		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. <sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov) or MPEP 901.04. <sup>3</sup> Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup> For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup> Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

*If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.*

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

**Complete if Known**

Application Number to be assigned

Filing Date to be assigned

First Named Inventor Joachim von Willich

Art Unit to be assigned

Examiner Name to be assigned

Sheet 3 of 3 Attorney Docket Number 2001P80114WOUS

**NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
		Derwent Abstract DE4429956A1; 02/29/1996; Dell'Orto S.p.A., I-Mailand;	
		Derwent Abstract DE19728564A1; 01/28/1999; Mannesmann VDO AG, D-60388 Frankfurt;	
		Derwent Abstract DE4334180A1; 04/13/1995; Robert Bosch GmbH; D-70469 Stuttgart;	
		Derwent Abstract DE69300671T2; 03/21/1996; Magneti Marelli; F-Nanterre;	
		Derwent Abstract DE19615438A1; 01/23/1997; Filterwerk Mann & Hummel GmbH; D-71638 Ludwigsburg;	
		Derwent Abstract DE4135806A1; 05/07/1992; Weber S.r.l., I-Turin;	
		Derwent Abstract DE69604084T2; 04/13/2000; Magneti Marelli, F-Nanterre;	

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup> Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). <sup>2</sup> Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 120 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.